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SUBJECT: FLCS LEADERSHIP REMOVED

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SUMMARY: FIVE LEADERS OF THE GSDR-SPONSORED SOMALI COAST LIBERATION FRONT (FLCS) HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM OFFICE IN A MAJOR SPLIT OVER TACTICS TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE RUN UP TO INDEPENDENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. RADIO MOGADISCIO REPORTED ON DECEMBER 5 THAT FIVE TOP LEADERS OF THE FLCS, INCLUDING POLITICAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY ABDULLAHI WABERI KHALIF, HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE FRONT FOR ALLEGED ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM CAUSING "NEEDLESS DISTURBANCES" IN THE TFAI TO MURDER AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. SPECIFICALLY, THE FIVE WERE CHARGED WITH "CONSPIRACY TO OBSTRUCT THE INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI BY ASSASSINATING MEMBERS OF THE FLCS AND THE LPAI (AFRICAN PEOPLE'S INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE) IN JUNE 1976; WITHOUT CONSULTING THE FRONT, HAVING INFILTRATED ARMED GANGS INTO THE SOMALI COAST RULED BY FRANCE IN ORDER TO CAUSE NEEDLESS DISTURBANCES WHILE THE RELEVANT UN COMMITTEES WERE DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY; HAVING KIDNAPPED PEOPLE WITH THE PURPOSE OF CREATING POPULARITY FOR THEMSELVES CONTRARY TO THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FLCS, LPAI AND THE

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DJIBOUTI PARLIAMENTARY GROUP; HAVING CARRIED OUT THE UGLY

INCIDENT OF BEATING AND LOOTING THE VILLAGE OF SHEIKH ISSA (SIC); HAVING KILLED AND ROBBED PEOPLE ENTERING OR LEAVING THE SOMALI COAST RULED BY FRANCE; AND HAVING MISAPPROPRIATED MORE THAN 100,000 SHILLINGS OF FLCS FUNDS FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE." ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, THE FLCS CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL ASSUME DIRECTION OF THE FRONT UNTIL A CONGRESS IS CONVENED TO ELECT NEW LEADERS.

2. COMMENT: THE REMOVAL OF ADVOCATES OF VIOLENCE FROM THE TOPE ECHELON OF THE FLCS REFLECTS THE GSDR'S RECENT CAUTION AND PREFERENCE FOR POLITICAL ACTION IN THE TFAI, WHERE THE SITUATION IS PERCEIVED AS DEVELOPING TO THE ADVANTAGE OF SOMALIA. WE HAVE LITTLE OR NO INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC INCIDENTS MENTIONED IN THE BROADCAST.
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